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SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF SEIZED OPIUM FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES:
CONFLICT BETWEEN 1953 PROTOCOL AND THE SINGLE CONVENTION.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESPONSE DATED FEB 17, 1975
RECEIVED FROM JOSEPH DITTERT, SECRETARY, INCB TO INQUIRY
CONTAINED REFTTEL:

QUOTE: YOU REQUESTED VIEWS OF INCB CONCERNING
APPROPRIATENESS OF US GOVT PERMITTING IMPORTATION OF
SEIZED OPIUM IN LIGHT OF PRIVISIONS OF 1961 CONVENTION
AND 1953 PROTOCOL.

" INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF SEIZED OPIUM IS PERMITTED UNDER
ARTICLE 24, PARA 5, OF 1961 CONVENTION IN CASES WHERE BOTH
THE IMPORTING COUNTRY AND EXPORTING COUNTRY ARE PARTIES
TO THAT CONVENTION, AS LONG AS OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF
TREATY ARE MET. AS YOU CORRECTLY NOTE, HOWEVER, ARTICLE 7
OF 19753 PROTOCOL IMPOSES FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON DISPOSAL
OF SEIZED OPIUM ALTHOUGH THE BOARD HAS NEVER

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OBJECTED TO EXPORT OR IMPORT OF SUCH DRUS WHEN COUNTRIES

INVOLVED WERE PARTY TO 1961 CONVENTION. BOARD HAS ADOPTED POLICH OF ENCOURAGING PRACTICE OF EITHER DESTROYING CONFISCATED DRUGS OR PERMITTING THEM TO ENTER LICIT INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIER ACCUMULATION AND POTENTIAL MISHANDLING.

"IN THEORY, A COUNTRY PARTY TO 1953 PROTOCOL NOT PARTY TO 1961 CONVENTION, I.E. THE NINE COUNTRIES LISTED IN YOUR LETTER, COULD OBJECT TO IMPORT OF SEIZED OPIUM BY ANOTHER PARTY TO PROTOCOL SINCE THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED AS CONTRARY TO PROVISIONS OF THAT TREATY. BOARD WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT YOUR GOVT PURSUE POLICY WHICH IT HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN, NAMELY TO CONTACT THE NINE NON-PARTIES TO 1961 CONVENTION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WOULD OBJECT TO IMPORT OF SEIZED OPIUM INTO US. BOARD BELIEVES THAT CONTINUED EFFORTS MIGHT BE MADE TO DISCOVER POSITION OF THREEE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT AS YET RESPONDED TO YOUR ENQUIRIES IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLETE COMPLIANCE WITH TREATY.

"REGARDING YOUR SECOND QUESTION AS TO IMPORT OF SEIZED OPIUM BY COUNTRIES PARTY TO 1953 PROTOCOL AND 1961 CONVENTION, YOU MAY RECALL THAT IN 1972 GOVT OF AFGHANISTAN EXPORTED APPROX 29.5 TONS OF SEIZED OPIUM TO U.S. I CAN REPORT TO YOU THAT BOARD HAS NOT BEEN MADE AWARE OF ANY OBJECTION TO THIS TRANSACTION. END QUOTE.
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